

Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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Teacher Notes:

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Please complete and return surveys as soon as possible.

PTO game night is next Friday night; hope you can come out and join in the fun!

I hope your child shared the story of the leprechaun who visited our classroom. He made a huge mess, left his green footprints all over our room, and left us some special gold (chocolate wrapped in gold paper).

Language Arts:

To go along with the letter "l" theme, we played a lost letters game. All of the letters were lost in our classroom, and each team had to find all of the letters of the alphabet and then write a word for each letter as they found it. The children loved looking for the letters, and they did an awesome job writing the words for each beginning sound. For St. Patrick's Day fun, we wrote about what we would do if we caught a leprechaun. This is one of my favorite writing prompts. I always love the creativity that comes out of the children. In reading, we are working with the children on concept of word - pointing to the words as you read them. We also practice pointing to words that rhyme, sight words, and words that begin with the letter of the week as well as identifying the first, second, last etc. word. Please practice all of these skills at home when reading with your child.

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Upcoming Events:

*March 25, 2011 -
PTO Game Night

Math:

We continue to practice measurement and addition during math. For measurement, we measured letters; have fun measuring things around your house with your children. To practice addition, we used ladybugs and their spots. After a lot of practice, we wrote an addition story and then added spots to our ladybug to match our addition problem. We also practiced sorting and addition with Lucky Charms cereal. First, we would pick up 4 cereal pieces and then 2 marshmallow pieces, and I would ask the children how many pieces all together. Next, we would discuss what our addition problem would be and the answer to our question. The children seem to have a good understanding of the concept of addition. We will continue to practice and review all math skills from now until the end of the school year - addition, subtraction, coin recognition, measurement etc. The most important thing you can do to assure your child's success with these math skills is to make sure they are writing their numbers correctly (0 to 15).

Special Reminders:

- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!

Homework:

Please let me know if there is anything you need help with concerning the practice folders or the books that we are sending home.

Next Week:

Next week, we will begin learning about the letter "y" and magnets.

*"You only have to
read on the days
you eat!"*

***Please contact me with any
questions and concerns:
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